

Saturday, May 2

## **Scripture**

- *Acts 5:3-4*

But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”

## **Who is God?**

The Holy Spirit is Fully Personal

## **Spiritual Encouragement**

The Holy Spirit is not a “force,” not a “thing,” and not an “it.” The Holy Spirit can be lied to, quenched, grieved, and blasphemed.

The best news imaginable is that we worship One God (not three), and that this One God eternally exists as Three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Each Person of the Trinity has different functions or roles, but each Person is fully God. No Person of the Trinity ever ceased to exist; God is eternally perfect and complete.

Why does this matter? Because when we talk about God sending the Holy Spirit, we aren't talking about God giving something external to Himself, as if God sends a nice gift or postcard.

Instead, the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to have a personal relationship with God. And not only that, we share in the “fellowship” (the shared joy, love, and life) that has eternally existed among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I pray this truth will set you free from a weak and boring Christianity that can easily feel like a business “transaction” -- God gives me a nice gift and I show up to the worship service to say Thanks and fulfill my responsibility.

Instead, God has given you Himself and His Spirit dwells in you, so you will know the love of the Father, set your focus on the Son, and experience the transforming power of the Spirit from the inside out. This is great news!